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June 30th, 1915

Professor P. H. Mueller,

52 Warren Road,

Toronto.

Dear Professor Mueller:

Probably the Bursar will have written to you that the Board of Governors at its meeting on Friday last accepted your resignation from your position in University College. I may add that I entered my dissent, but the action which I foretold you was likely to be taken resulted. You will probably have received by this time a cheque for the half year's salary, which I hope will enable you together with your McMaster position to make a living until some other position has opened up. I have not yet heard from the University of Kansas. You have my sincerest sympathy in this trial which is one of the results of this hideous war.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Sept. 14th 1914.

President R. A. Falconer LL.D.
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President!

I presume you have seen enclosed article in one of the issues of "the Star" last week. In order that you may not receive a wrong impression I wish to inform you that Mr. Hagarty's statement as far as it refers to my boy's attitude does not contain the truth. Some things are entirely misrepresented others are pure inventions if not deliberate lies.

The present serious situation which deprives me of all my rights in self defence and my desire to live in peace and to give no offence have prepared us for further unpleasant experiences

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which Mr. Hagarty's attitude may bring about. And the worst is that my boys have to go there since Mr. H. refused to give them a transfer to Oakwood High-School. A repetition of Hagarty's denouncing statements about the Germans in school will compel me to send my family out of the country which I would regret very, very much.

Respectfully yours

P. V. Mueller.

PRINCIPAL HAGARTY'S ATTITUDE.

Permits German Boys to Return to Harbord Conditionally.

Editor of The Star: Seeing that you have been kind enough to bring me into the "limelight," to use your own expression, in connection with the Mueller incident in the Harbord Collegiate Institute, I wish emphatically to contradict the alleged statement of this family to the effect that I apologized for anything I said. I also wish to contradict the statement made in another paper that these boys returned to school this morning without comment. My comment was that there was no occasion for the disturbance they had created, and that so long as they kept quiet they would not be interfered with or treated unkindly. They accepted the situation submissively, and asked to be allowed to return, after positively refusing to do so the day before. The incident may now be considered closed, so long as they maintain their present attitude, but the patriotic work and utterances of the school will still go on despite their presence.

You would oblige by continuing the "limelight" long enough to enable the publication of this explanation.

E. W. HAGARTY.

University of Toronto.
TORONTO, CANADA.

September 24th, 1914.

To the Editor of

Dear Sir;--

Having ~~seen~~ that my name has been brought before the public in recent issues of the Toronto papers, I would ask you to be kind enough to publish the following statements:

I have lived in Canada for twenty-one years, and ceased to be a German subject eleven years ago, and as all my boys have been born in this Country they are Canadian subjects. With the termination of my relations with my native land, my relations and interests in Canada have correspondingly increased, and as time went by I have felt more and more at home in my adopted Country.

I have now in my possession an Interim Certificate from the Clerk of the Peace, stating that I have "taken all necessary steps to become a Naturalized subject of the British Sovereign and have ~~xxx~~ filed satisfactory evidence that ~~xx~~ I am entitled to be so naturalized."

I also wish to ~~xxxxx~~ add that since the outbreak of War I have purposely avoided its discussion with any one.

Yours truly,

December 18th, 1914

Professor E. M. Mueller,

52 Warren Road,

Toronto.

Dear Professor Mueller:

There has been some talk, I understand, about your coming around the building now that you are on leave of absence. I think that in all the circumstances it would be better for you not to use your room, and would you therefore be kind enough to return your key for the Main Building to the Superintendent ?

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Toronto, 52 Warren Road
May 25. 1915.

President R. A. Falconer LL.D.
University of Toronto

Dear Mr. President:

In view of the fact that the end of the university year is approaching and with it the interim arrangement regarding my status in the University I take the liberty to bring my own personal case once more before you, in the hope that in considering it, the following facts may receive whatever consideration they may seem to merit.

1) My long residence in Canada of 21 years, my having taken steps towards naturalisation before the war broke out (Dr F. H. S. Starr can testify into that) my having received naturalisation on Octbr 30. 1914 from the proper court on which occasion the presiding judge expressed the opinion that I would be a good British subject and there was nothing against me.

2) The fact that three of my sons were members of the Harbord St. Cadet Corps and one of them is still there that the oldest son has served one year in the Queens Own

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and the earnest desire of all my boys to stay in Canada and become good British subjects notwithstanding the temporary suspicion from which we all have suffered and which we shall strive to forget.

3) The absolute necessity in which I find myself to gain a livelihood as I have no means outside my salary.

For these reasons I take the liberty to request most respectfully that I may be allowed to continue my work in the University under conditions that may seem wisest for you and the Board of Governors to determine.

Respectfully yours

P. V. Mueller.

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June 14th, 1915

Rev. P. H. Mueller,

52 Warren Road, Toronto.

Dear Professor Mueller:

I have your letter of resignation which I return to you in order that you may correct a clause in it. I do not wish to be held responsible for saying that in my opinion your continuance on the staff of the University would be prejudicial to it. I have all along held that in the long run the retention of the Germans on the staff could be justified, consequently I do not wish you to resign because of my view. If you will put in your letter of resignation that you have learned from me that in my judgment a majority of the Board of Governs deem that your continuance on the staff of the University in the present situation would be prejudicial to it, that will I believe set forth the truth of the situation and I will then present your letter to the Board. I hardly need to assure you that I sympathise with you very greatly in these most trying circumstances. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 17th, 1915

Professor P. M. Mueller,

52 Warren Avenue,

Toronto.

Dear Professor Mueller:

I have your letter tendering your resignation as Associate Professor of German, the same to take effect on June 30th, 1915. I will lay the letter before the Board at its next meeting.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.